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NOTE FOR: Richard Levine
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FROM :
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SUBJECT : Comments on Interagency Discussion Paper
on Ferroalloys

Per your request, attached are CIA's comments on the
Interagency Discussion Paper on Ferroalloys:

"The prospects for weak demand and abundant
supplies of chrome for the foreseeable future
mitigate against problems of US vulnerability
to supply disruptions. Moreover, conservation
in the use of ferrochromium and ferromanganese
in the production process and substitution for
stainless steel would greatly lessen the impact
of a supply cutoff. An Agency study: Strategic
Minerals: A Review of the Issues (attached) found
Western vulnerability to supply disruptions less
than commonly believed. (See especially pages
19 to 24)"

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